

MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH ASIA REVIEW

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Lebanese Crisis

Habib Mission--Voice of Lebanon radio reported that U.S. special envoy Philip Habib arrived in Beirut on 9 July on the first leg of his tour of the area. He later held talks with Lebanese President Ilyas Sarkis and met on 10 July with Prime Minister Shafiq al-Wazzan. Beirut radio reported. According to the Voice of Lebanon, Habib is carrying a proposal for solving the crisis. It involves a 1-year time limit during which Lebanese security would be tightened, reconciliation efforts would be stepped up and the Lebanese Army would be rebuilt. The questions of the deterrent forces would also be resolved according to a timetable, the radio said, adding that these measures would be accompanied by the formation of a capable government and the imposition of the legal authority over the entire southern area.

National Movement Statement--In a five-point statement issued after a meeting chaired by Progressive Socialist Party leader Walid Junblatt, broadcast by the clandestine Voice of Palestine, the Executive Committee of the Lebanese National Movement Central Political Council said the issue of Phalangist collaboration with Israel must be resolved before national entente and a political solution to the Lebanese crisis can be discussed. It said the Phalangist Party, the Lebanese forces and the Lebanese Front should issue clear-cut statements declaring that they have severed relations with Israel and denouncing collaboration with it. They should back this up with "tangible measures on the ground" that put an end to their collaboration with Israel. The statement warned that the National Movement will not accept "ambiguous or dubious" statements on the issue and will not be satisfied by propaganda stands that are not supported by practical measures on the part of the Phalangists. The second point of the statement said that before the various Lebanese parties and factions discuss national entente, all "partitionist enclaves" must be liquidated. Also, all institutions, ports and utilities should be handed over to the Lebanese Government, which must impose its authority on all Lebanese territory. Third, the National Movement reiterated its criticisms of the Lebanese Army and said it cannot accept any security plan in which the army plays a role. The National Movement's central demand, the statement went on, is that a new national army should be built after the achievement of entente and a political solution. Fourth, until a national army is built, the Arab Deterrent Forces should preserve security in all areas and be strengthened in order to carry out this task. Finally, the statement called for a democratic reform of the political system in the longer term, after the achievement of national entente.

Security Situation--Beirut radio reported occasional sniper fire in the capital, while the Voice of Palestine said Hasbayya, Zaghlah and Tallat Burghuz in the south were subjected to Phalangist shelling. According to the Voice of Lebanon, the situation in the south is deteriorating following the appearance of Israeli military concentrations from At-Tayyibah hill up to Jabal Ash-Shahhar on the western slope of Mount Hermon.

U.S. Mideast Plan

In a statement published in the Kuwaiti newspaper AL-HADAF and cited by the Voice of Palestine radio, PLO observer at the United Nations Zuhdi at-Tarazi said the PLO and the Arab countries have rejected the U.S. plan to solve the Middle East crisis that was recently submitted to some Arab countries by U.S. special envoy Habib. According to At-Tarazi, the plan calls for the establishment of a Palestinian state under Jordanian-Egyptian-Israeli supervision in the West Bank and Gaza Strip 10 years after an agreement is signed.

Multinational Peacekeeping Force

MENA reported that Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hasan 'Ali met with U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Michael Sterner to discuss some unresolved technical points of the draft agreement on the multinational peacekeeping force for the Sinai. According to MENA, 'Ali said after the meeting that he expects the agreement will be initialed before the end of July. Sterner will return to Israel soon to continue his discussions, MENA reported.

Iran

Tehran radio reported that three Mojahedin-e Khalq members were executed in Behshahr and that two Peykar supporters were executed in Nur for antigovernment activities. The radio also said a military court in Esfahan sentenced a member of the gendarmerie to death for participating in Mojahedin-e Khalq activities. Tehran radio said two Cherikhaye Fedai'yan-e Khalq members were arrested in Rey.

Iran-Iraq Conflict

Tehran radio reported that mopping-up operations and the clearing of landmines are continuing in Nowsud following the 8 July recapture of the city by Iranian forces. The radio said 400 Iraqi soldiers were killed and 100 others were taken prisoner during the clash, and it put the Iranian death toll at 7 men. According to an Iranian Armed Forces communique, broadcast by the radio, more than 100 Iraqi soldiers were either killed or wounded in recent clashes west of Dezful. An Iraqi Armed Forces General Command communique, carried by INA, claimed that 36 Iranian servicemen were killed in the Nowsud region and that 28 others lost their lives in an engagement in the Shush region.

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PARLIAMENT APPROVES DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

BK091332 Dacca Domestic Service in English 1205 GMT 9 Jul 81

[Excerpts] Jatiya Sangsad [parliament] today approved the state of emergency declared by the acting president following the martyrdom of President Zia. The resolution for the approval was moved in the house this morning by leader of the House and Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman.

Under the Constitutional (?provision), approval of the House is necessary if the emergency is to continue beyond 120 days.

Deputy Speaker Sultan Ahmad Chowdhury presided over today's sitting of the Parliament. Nine opposition members participated in the discussions of the resolution criticizing the government for declaring a state of emergency.

Replying to opposition criticism, Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman assured the House that there was nothing to be afraid of in the emergency under which the people can (?fully) enjoy the fundamental rights. He also assured that the emergency (?declaration) will not affect the holding of free, fair and peaceful elections.

INDIAN PRESS REPORTS ON ZIAUL HAQ PLEDGE DISMISSED

BK091729 Dacca Domestic Service in English 1705 GMT 9 Jul 81

[Text] The government has dismissed as completely baseless, concocted and motivated Indian press reports that President Ziaul Haq of Pakistan, in a message recently, has assured the Bangladesh Army Chief of Staff of Pakistan's all-out assistance in the event of a crisis in Bangladesh.

An interservice public relations press release says the Indian press also reported that the army chief, in his reply, while reciprocating the friendly feelings, had said that Bangladesh will have to rely on Pakistan's assured assistance.

The press release says it has been observed that certain interested quarters in Dacca have been indulging in loose talk linking the recent good-will visit of the Pakistan Ministerial Delegation to the so-called message reported in the Indian press.

The concerned Indian press did, however, express its regret later over the publication of such unconfirmed and baseless (?reports). [Words indistinct] members of the public, the press release says, that the defense attache of the Pakistani Embassy in Dacca, in a letter to the Bangladesh chief of army staff, had expressed condolences on behalf of the chief of the Pakistan Army Staff Gen Ziaul Haq, who is also the president of that country, on the tragic demise of the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces of Bangladesh, President Ziaur Rahman. The letter was simply a condolence message sent by the army chief of the country to his counterpart in Bangladesh during the national mourning. The defense attache of the Pakistani Embassy was thanked by the chief of army staff of Bangladesh, the press release pointed out.

INDIRA GANDHI ADDRESSES PRESS CONFERENCE 10 JUL

BK100800 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0730 GMT 10 Jul 81

[Text] The prime minister today announced a decision to import wheat, 500,000 tons of edible oil and a substantial quantity of sugar. She said this is a part of the government's (total) strategy of keeping control of the prices and economic management as a whole. She disclosed that some more economic measures are under consideration. Mrs Gandhi made the announcement at an 80-minute crowded news conference in New Delhi. Besides giving a resume of the government's achievements in the economic sphere, she answered questions on a variety of issues ranging from India's relations with other countries to the demand for a so-called Khalistan.

Justifying the decision for imported wheat, Mrs Gandhi made it clear that this is being done purely as an expedient and not at all because of necessity. The prime minister said that the situation is very comfortable in terms of availability of food grains. This is the time to build up substantial stocks so that we do not have to take chances and are not at the mercy of traders and hoarders. The imports will also insure that there is no sharp increase in food grain prices and will be an instrument of controlling the economy. The wheat can be released to combat pressure on prices and the machination of traders and hoarders.

Five hundred thousand tons of edible oil are being imported in the next 4 or 5 months. In the case of sugar also, the imports are being made despite increase in the domestic production to keep complete control of the prices.

In her opening statement, the prime minister said that the steps taken by the government have resulted in distinct improvement in the three key sectors of power, coal and railways. The annual rate of inflation has come down by more than 10 percent compared to last year. Industrial production has started picking up.

More on Press Conference

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[Excerpt] Turning to India's relations with neighboring countries, Mrs Gandhi said acquisition of F-16 aircraft by Pakistan represents the induction into this region of an aircraft which is a generation ahead of anything operating in the area. India is deeply concerned at Pakistan's obtaining such sophisticated planes of an advanced technology and operational capability. The subcontinent is thus being pushed into an arms race, increasing the financial burden on our people.

Mrs Gandhi said we wish the people of Pakistan well and want to live in peace with them. We can both develop only if there is tranquillity and mutual trust. This is a message she had sent to President Zia. Asked by a foreign correspondent whether India would develop its own nuclear weapons capability in view of reports that Pakistan is doing so, the prime minister said she did not believe in the theory of deterrence.

Referring to China, Mrs Gandhi said India wishes to improve relations with that country and has stretched its hand of friendship. The issues between us are difficult and emotional, but nothing can be solved without basic good will and efforts. She said talks are to be held in September in Beijing at the official level on the border question.

In a brief reference to Bangladesh, Mrs Gandhi said the assassination of President Ziaur Rahman shows the instability which many developing countries are facing. India is vigilant and we shall take all necessary steps to safeguard our interests.

The prime minister categorically refuted the suggestion that the government was on a course of confrontation with the judiciary and the election commission. But, she pointed out, the judicial system has to be aware of the social changes taking place in the country

and the world and some of them wanted to maintain the status quo. In Garhwal [where repolling was ordered in recent election] it was the Congress-I workers who were beaten. Even some of the officials who were accompanying her were attacked.

In reply to a question about the talks on the foreign nationals issue in Assam, the prime minister said the atmosphere for a settlement is now much better than it was at the previous rounds. She said the Assamese have genuine problems, but a solution has to be found in accordance with the national policy, international obligations and humanitarian considerations.

The prime minister expressed her deep sympathy for the families of the (711) tragedy victims in Karnataka. She said there must be stronger control to prevent adulteration.

About the demand for Khalistan, the prime minister said it existed only in Canada and the United States. But we have to be vigilant. She was sure that Sikhs in India will themselves rebuff it.

ZIAUL HAQ SAID TO PROMISE DETAILS OF U.S. AID

BK100735 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 10 Jul 81

[Text] Pakistan President Gen Ziaul Haq has promised to inform India on the supply of U.S. arms to his country when a final agreement is reached. This assurance is understood to have been given to Indian Ambassador Natwar Singh when he called on General Zia on Wednesday [9 July] to convey a verbal message from Prime Minister Mrs Gandhi. Natwar Singh conveyed Mrs Gandhi's serious concern over the proposed purchase of an unspecified number of sophisticated F-16 aircraft by Pakistan. The Indian ambassador is also understood to have drawn the attention of the president of Pakistan to some of the phraseology used by a government spokesman at a recent seminar in Lahore.

Meanwhile, reports from New York say a Pakistani military delegation headed by Defense Secretary Gen M. Rahim Khan will visit Washington next week. It will finalize the details of the promised multibillion-dollar U.S. military aid package to Pakistan. UNITED NEWS OF INDIA, quoting sources in New York, says at least two F-16 aircraft are expected to be delivered to Pakistan this winter.

President Ziaul Haq, a former Stephenian, proposed to meet some former students of St. Stephens College Delhi at a dinner in Pakistan. President Zia told Natwar Singh, also a former student of the college, that he hopes a group from India will be able to join. Natwar Singh is reported to have replied that this could be arranged and he has already had discussions with the principal of the college.

COURT FINDS NINE GUILTY OF SPYING FOR PAKISTAN

BK091608 Hong Kong AFP in English 1345 GMT 9 Jul 81

[Text] New Delhi, 9 Jul (AFP)--A local court here today found nine persons, including a Pakistani national, guilty of spying for Pakistan.

Additional Sessions Judge M.K. Chawla, however, did not immediately pronounce the punishment while delivering the judgment at the end of trial which began in February last year. The sentence is expected to be decided by the judge in the next few days after hearing both sides specially on that point.

The maximum punishment for such a charge under the law is 14 years rigorous imprisonment (hard labour).

The Pakistani national was identified as Mohammad Saddique of Lahore, who was arrested here in October 1976. The arrest of the others, all Indians, were made later. Another four persons were acquitted by the court as there was not sufficient evidence against them.

The accused were charged with collecting military information and supplying it to Pakistan.

The judge observed: "He (Saddique) had come under direct control and supervision of the Pakistani intelligence officers." He had also been given references in India to seek their active association for achieving the objective.

The prosecution said the Pakistani agent was helped in entering India through the desert border along the Rajasthan state by a Pakistani army man.

TRADE BODY RECOMMENDS MORE DEALINGS WITH PRC

BK091426 Hong Kong AFP in English 0809 GMT 9 Jul 81

[Text] New Delhi, 9 Jul (AFP)--A governmental agency has recommended that India should boost its trade with China and offer technological cooperation in major areas.

The recommendations, made public today, came in a study conducted by the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) on the impact of China's modernization program on its foreign trade with particular reference to its implications for India.

Despite China's emergence as a serious competitor to India's traditional exports such as textiles and tea, India can boost its trade with China, the study said.

Although India's trade with China rose by 10 times in the 3 years ending 1979-80 when it stood at Rs. 290 million (about \$36 million) with a surplus in India's favour, the study sees scope for a much larger trade turnover.

India could import crude petroleum, fertilizers, newsprint, and vegetable oil and export items needed by China like iron ore, pig iron, wire ropes, steel ropes, cotton yarn and rubber.

The study suggests that the two neighbours with complementaries could gradually expand trade in products, projects and services through payment arrangements on the lines of those entered into with East European countries.

Indian-Chinese [as received] of large cement plants and plants for the manufacture of caustic soda and soda ash and other heavy chemicals and development of China's shellac industry are among areas where China should welcome Indian know-how, the study said.

About China's textile industry, the study notes that China has increased its share of exports to the United Kingdom, the United States and West Germany where India hitherto had an edge.

India is, however, retaining its hold on the high quality tea market in the United Kingdom largely because China has yet to become a quality producer of black tea, the study said.

INDIAN CAPTAIN KILLED IN PAKISTAN BORDER INCIDENT

BK091606 Hong Kong AFP in English 1133 GMT 9 Jul 81

[Text] New Delhi, 9 Jul (AFP)--An Indian army captain was killed and some others were injured in "unprovoked" firing from across the border by Pakistani troops in the Mendhar sector of Poonch in Indian-held Kashmir last Tuesday [7 July], it was reported today.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA (PTI) news agency, in a dispatch from Poonch, quoted a report received there as saying that Indian troops returned the fire leading to an exchange lasting 2 hours.

It was not known if there were casualties on the Pakistani side.

The Agency said the Indian troops were on a routine patrol when the Pakistanis started firing.

KHOMAYNI CABLES FALLAHI ON NOWSUD BATTLE SUCCESS

LD091300 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 9 Jul 81

["Text" of 9 July telegram from Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni to Brig Gen Valiollah Fallahi, acting chief of the Joint Staff of the armed forces]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Gen Valiollah Fallahi, acting chief of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran:

Fight them, and God will punish them through your hands, cover them with shame, help you to victory over them and heal the breasts of believers. [Koranic verse] The liberation of the town of Nowsud after the recapture of the heights overlooking it by the committed, believing and brave fighters of the armed forces, the guards corps, the gendarmerie and all other beloved fighters was a considerable victory which has roused the gratitude and thankfulness of the fighting Iranian nation. Convey my gratitude and thanks to all the fighters of Islam on the fronts of the imposed war, defenders of beloved Islam and the homeland, especially the conquerors of Nowsud.

This victory and other past and future victories, despite all the equipment and war material which has been placed at the disposal of the enemy by the superpowers and their allies, are victories of Islam and faith over blasphemy and are victories of Islamic values over Satan, just as in the early days of Islam the forces of the believers, despite their lack of equipment, with plenty of faith and commitment, overcame and destroyed the forces of blasphemy which were equipped with all forms of war material.

The cohesion and discipline of the fighters of Islam should be at its utmost and they should refrain from differences of opinion which will weaken them, because the hand of God is with the crowds and with cohesion. While you fighting brothers achieve victories on the fronts, your dear brothers in the lines behind the fronts and the brave people throughout the country are identifying group after group of hypocrites and other deviated rightists and leftists, reporting them to the security forces and the guards corps and handing them over to the revolution courts.

I express my thanks and gratitude to the committed and brave nation and I hope that through this divine method these American dregs will receive their proper punishment and the Muslim Iranian nation will be freed from their evil. I ask the revolution courts that in accordance with Islamic justice they act with revolutionary decisiveness toward these corrupt individuals who destroy men and the fruits of their labor and implement the teachings of the glorious Koran in dealing with them. They should not listen to the vain talk of those who are not committed to Islamic laws, because the implementation of Islamic penal laws [hodud], retribution [qesas] and punishment will ensure the life and order of the country. Any slackening or leniency in these matters will be like showing mercy to a sharp-toothed tiger.

In the same way that the committed nation, which believes in the Islamic Republic is dutybound to identify deviated, conspiring groups or individuals and to report them to the officials and, if necessary, to assist the guards corps and the police, so in the same way the armed forces throughout the country are also dutybound to report any deviated individuals in their midst to their commanders. In turn, the commanders are dutybound to send them to the courts so that they are investigated, purged and punished. This is a warning to all commanders, and to offenders, who will be reprimanded.

Finally, it is necessary to bear in mind that as Saddam sees that his defeat is approaching, he has engaged in a cheap deceit and some of his supporters are also adopting the same line. He says the holy month of Ramadan is the month of worship, that fighting is forbidden during this month and that we have to declare a cease-fire.

He and his American friends seem not to know that the holy month of Ramadan is not one of the months when fighting is forbidden. Saddam started his war against us in one of the forbidden months, but none of his supporters objected. Today, we are engaged in defending ourselves and defense of the country is like worship to us. The Iranian nation knows that our armed forces are engaged in the greatest acts of worship. Our armed forces should know that the holy prophet fought against the infidels in the holy month of Ramadan.

I beseech God Almighty for the victory of Islam over blasphemy and hypocrisy. Greetings to all the righteous servants of God.

[Signed] Ruhollah Musavi Khomeyni, 9 July 1981

OWRAMAN GOVERNOR DISCUSSES NOWSUD VICTORY

LD091942 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 9 Jul 81

[Text] According to a PARS report, following the capture of the eastern areas of Nowsud, the governor of Owraman and Paveh returned today from the Nowsud front to Paveh and announced that in the operations carried out yesterday by the combatants of Islam, the communications center, the district office, the gendarmerie post and the residential areas were cleared of minefields planted by the enemy and were liberated.

He said: In these operations 400 were killed, 100 were taken prisoner, many were wounded and large quantities of weapons and ammunition, including Milan missiles that are made in France and Germany, were captured as spoils of war.

Asked what areas were captured by our forces, the governor of Owraman said: In this battle the heights of (Kamarma'muli), (Malehendu), (Shamshiri), (Dagal), Nowsud and the Nowsud post were captured by our forces. He added: In this battle, all the combatants under the leadership of Imam Khomeyni, the commander in chief, volunteered for a plan named Ruhollah.

In these operations, the Islamic revolution guards, the combative Ground Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the popular forces, the region's natives and the highflying Hawks of the ground forces Airborne Division enjoyed the air cover of the armed forces and the complete support of the artillery of the Ground Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

He put the casualty toll of our forces during the week of Operation Ruhollah at 26 martyrs and 90 wounded, most of whom suffered superficial wounds and after treatment volunteered to return to the front.

According to a report sent to PARS today at noon from the western fronts, in the past 24 hours the combatants of Islam on the fronts of Meymak, (Zahaz) and Chaghalvand managed to kill 20 Iraqi mercenaries and to destroy one light gun, two tank emplacements, two mortars, one foxhole, two slit trenches and one enemy vehicle carrying ammunition.

LIBERATION MOVEMENT DISCUSSED AT MAJLIS SESSION

LD091712 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 9 Jul 81

[Excerpts] According to the Central News Bureau, today's open session of the Islamic Consultative Assembly began with the recitation of some verses from the glorious Koran and was chaired by Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani. The draft national budget bill was discussed and the Majlis Plan and Budget Committee spokesman presented a report on the committee's work. This discussion was then postponed until the next open session.

Today's first preagenda speaker was Mr Ebrahim Yazdi, a deputy from Tehran, who during his speech condemned the recent conspiracy of bomb planting at the Islamic Republican Party [IRP] central headquarters, which resulted in the loss of a great number of important national personalities and friends of the imam. He continued his remarks by defending the interim government [of Mehdi Bazargan] and the Liberation Movement and his own record during his term of office as the minister of foreign affairs. He then paid tribute to the martyr Dr Mostafa Chamran and praised his services to the revolution.

The next speaker, Mr Ahmad Mollazadeh, a deputy from Gonabad, said in reference to the Liberation Movement: The life of the Liberation Movement has now ended and we leave it to the people to judge its members.

The last speaker at today's session was Mr Sadeq Khalkhali, representative of the people of Qom, who said: When a fox ages, it stops being active. The Liberation Movement has issued a statement clarifying its position in connection with recent affairs. The statement has made some generalizations, which is an act of hypocrisy. It would have been better if they had spoken clearly. Regarding the explosion at the IRP headquarters, he said: You have condemned this crime, as will the United States. We say that this plot was hatched by the Mojahedin-e Khalq and members of Peykar, yet you are indulging in a generalization. The people of Iran recognize those who talk of their own private point of view. Therefore, the people know you; and neither have you any supporters, nor can you nominate any candidates and nobody will vote for you. This was not a plot, rather it was a coup d'etat that united all Western mass media to wage propaganda against us. The nation of Iran should deliver a heavy blow to its enemies by taking part in the upcoming elections.

Regarding the recent remarks made by Anwar as-Sadat against Iran and the Islamic revolution, he analyzed the subservient nature of As-Sadat's fascist regime, saying: He will soon be thrown in the garbage can of history, just like the shah. He cannot stand against the masses of Muslim people to serve his masters.

The representative of the people of Qom concluded with remarks on the problems of water and electricity in Qom.

The next session of the Islamic Consultative Assembly will be held at 0600 next Saturday. The national budget will be discussed and reviewed at that session.

CITIZENS ASKED TO HELP COMBAT CROP SABOTAGE

LD091432 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 9 Jul 81

[Statement issued by Mohammad Salamati, minister of agriculture and rural development--date not given]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Honorable and militant nation of Iran:

Following their last-ditch efforts and repeated defeats, counterrevolutionaries are now committing every kind of crime in order to harm the movement of our combative and zealous nation that, under the leadership of its great imam, is accelerating its movement. But what a futile dream! How can single drops of quagmire stand against a tumultuous sea of human beings?

It has been observed recently that counterrevolutionaries and devotees of world-devouring imperialism, under American leadership, exploit the harvest period, setting on fire and destroying crop stacks which represent the result of a whole year's effort by the rural people to supply society's needs and end our Islamic homeland's dependence on foreign imports. We are all dutybound to oppose with all our power and foil these conspiracies, which above all throw light on the nature of the plotters.

We call upon the Muslim and committed nation of Iran to inform security officers and responsible officials of the revolutionary establishments of any suspicious cases, so that necessary steps may be taken in order to arrest and severely punish those who are responsible for this kind of sabotage. And we ask all tribunals across the country to act decisively and in an Islamic and revolutionary manner to arrest, try, punish and cut off the vile hands of imperialism. It is hoped that your constant vigilance, militant nation of Iran, will help more than ever to preserve the gains of the revolution and the Islamic Republic. Meanwhile, we ask the popular and revolutionary establishments to cooperate with the oppressed and dear farmers to accomplish the rapid collection of their crops.

REPORTAGE ON SABOTAGE, ARRESTS, EXECUTIONS

Masjed-e Soleyman Explosion

GF091357 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1330 GMT 9 Jul 81

[Text] According to a Central News Bureau report from Masjed-e Soleyman, a bomb that had been planted by counterrevolutionary elements exploded at 0230 today in front of the revolution guards' communications building and behind the Hezbollah caravan [as heard] in this city.

Fortunately, there was no damage and the frightful explosion of the bomb--which was of the sonic type--was only to scare local citizens. An investigation into the matter is underway.

Gendarmerie Soldier Executed

LD091758 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 9 Jul 81

[Text] According to the Central News Bureau, the Islamic Revolution Court of the armed forces in Esfahan has reviewed the accusations against the conscript soldier Mahmud Mirza'i, son of 'Ali, a member of the gendarmerie brigade, who was accused of frequent participation in disturbances created by the monafeqin grouplet in Esfahan, of exploding hand grenades, spreading fear and terror, assault by knife, active participation in printing and distributing various banned publications, possession of a large amount of documents in his house which indicated that he was an active member of counterrevolutionary minigroups, being absent from his service post, fighting in the place where he was serving and knifing people, and he was deemed to have waged war against God and to be corrupt and rebellious, and was condemned to death.

The sentence was carried out at dawn this morning.

5 Executed 9 Jul

LD091258 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 9 Jul 81

[Text] The Central News Bureau reports that on orders from the Behshahr Islamic Revolution Court three people were executed in Behshahr at dawn today on charges of acting against the Iranian Islamic Republican order. The Public Relations Office of the Behshahr Islamic Revolution Court announced the verdicts as follows:

Malek Najafi, son of Sadeq, 27, native and resident of Zenyband, with a criminal record, charged with insulting the clergy and state officials, displaying and distributing banned and illegal newspapers, statements, publications and posters belonging to the monafeqin organization [Mojahedin-e Khalq], causing a fight and clash with brothers in the Islamic association following the imam's message regarding organizations and minigroups that plot against the Islamic revolution.

Hoseyn Shirian, son of Heshmatollah, 20, native and resident of Behshahr, with a criminal record at the office of the Islamic public prosecutor relating to a 3-month jail sentence in connection with involvement in the Sherafat school clashes, charged with vigorous activity against the Islamic revolution, taking part in street and crossroads [as heard] fighting and causing disorder in mosques aimed at disrupting sermons during the holy month of Ramadan. He has been actively involved in distributing illegal and banned newspapers and publications belonging to the monafeqin organization and in taking part in the collective and secret meetings of the monafeqin aimed at overthrowing the Islamic revolution.

Zabihollah Rahmatian, son of Siavash, 19, native and resident of Zaghehmarz, supporter of the monafeqin organization, charged with leading an armed attack against two brothers in the reconstruction crusade and Islamic association of Zaghehmarz, actively working against the Islamic revolution, leading and commanding the clashes in Zaghehmarz, causing disorder and disrupting public order, selling and distributing illegal and banned statements and posters belonging to an organization, taking part in collective and secret meetings in Sari and Zaghehmarz aimed at plotting the overthrow of the Islamic revolution.

The sentences passed on the aforementioned persons were carried out in Behshahr at dawn today.

The Central News Bureau also reports that on orders of the Nur Islamic Revolution Court, two of the supporters of the Peykar minigroup, named 'Ali Akbar and Mohammad Hashem Haqbayan, sons of Ramazan 'Ali, residents of Amirabad, Chamestan rural district, were declared as heretics, sowers of corruption on earth [mufsid] and wagers of war against God and were sentenced to death. These two men were charged with supporting the Peykar organization, constant activity [as heard], taking part in the clashes in the towns of Amol, Qa'emshahr and Gonbad, engaging in propaganda in favor of the minigroups which played a major role in the Gonbad and Kordestan incidents, misleading youths and setting the stage for acts of sabotage and hostility against the Islamic Republican Government.

The sentences were carried out at dawn today.

Shushtar Guards' Warning

GF091423 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1330 GMT 9 Jul 81

[Text] The Shushtar Islamic Revolution Guard Corps has announced that children's toys and clothing soaked in chemicals have been observed in the streets, alleys and avenues of the city. The city's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps asks everyone to report such suspicious items to it and to avoid touching them.

Arrest of Cherikha-ye Members

LD092002 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 9 Jul 81

[Text] According to PARS, brother guards from the second headquarters of the 14th district yesterday concluded a search and pursuit operation with the discovery of one of the centers of activity of the minority wing Cherikha-ye Fedai'yan-e Khalq, in a house on Siman Avenue in Rey. Two of its members, who owned the house, (Esmabil) and (Musa Lotfi), were arrested.

The following materials and equipment were seized from the house: A vanload of statements and circulars belonging to minigroups, one G-3 gun and a large number of cartridges, an empty AA gun cartridge and some explosives belonging to a clique of the minority wing of the Fedai'yan-e.

The official in charge of the security headquarters of the above-mentioned committee stated that those arrested confessed to their membership in this antipeople organization after one interrogation.

Ammunition Dump Fire

GF091633 (Clandestine) Voice of Iranian Kordestan in Persian 1430 GMT 9 Jul 81

[Excerpt] Kermanshah--Our correspondent from Kermanshah reports that on 1 July the ammunition dump of one of the army's garrisons in Kermanshah was set on fire. It burned and exploded for 24 hours. A considerable part of the ammunition dump was destroyed.

Our correspondent also reports that the supporters of Bani-Sadr and those of the club-wielder party were involved in heavy clashes several days ago. Several persons were killed and others wounded as a result of the clashes.

Radio Iran on Resistance

NC091507 (Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian to Iran 1330 GMT 9 Jul 81

[Text] Iran's situation continues to be tense. Our correspondents have reported from Tehran, Mashhad and Kerman that clashes between Khomeyni's revolution guards and antiregime forces continued in various parts of these cities, but that the propaganda machinery of the regime is preventing the publication of the news on these unrests.

The reports from our correspondents state that in many areas a large number of revolution guards have joined resistance organizations. Two of these guards--former members of the execution section at Evin Prison--told our correspondent that a revolution guard who had refused to execute a 14-year-old girl by firing squad was immediately hanged by order of Sheykh Gailani.

Kurdish Radio on Tudeh Actions

JN091737 (Clandestine) Voice of Iranian Kordestan in Bahdinani Kurdish 1330 GMT 9 Jul 81

[Text] Our correspondent in Mahabad has reported that Tudeh Party mercenaries have united with the mercenaries in searching the houses of the citizens.

7 Punished for Breaking Fast

GF081056 Paris AFP in English 1047 GMT 8 Jul 81

[Text] Tehran, 8 Jul (AFP)--Seven people here each sentenced to 25 strokes of the lash in the western provincial capital of Kermanshah yesterday for publicly breaking the Muslim Ramadan fast, the daily ISLAMIC REPUBLIC reported today.

The sentence was carried out in public at the four corners of the city, the ruling Islamic Republican Party newspaper said.

During the 30 days of Ramadan, which began last week, Muslims are prohibited by religious law from eating, drinking or smoking in public between dawn and sunset.

Fire Destroys Tehran Library

GF091612 Paris AFP in English 1607 GMT 9 Jul 81

[Text] Tehran, 9 Jul (AFP)--A fire set off by a Molotov cocktail destroyed the library at Tehran's Al-Hadi Mosque last night, the KEYHAN newspaper reported today. It blamed the incident on counterrevolutionaries.

The incendiary bomb was hurled into the library through a window by "henchmen of America" and "hypocrites" (Islamic leftist Mojahedin-e Khalq), the paper said.

Meanwhile, a powerful bomb left in central Tehran was defused by revolutionary guards last night, the paper said. The device was linked by wire to a nearby truck ready to be set off.

TEHRAN ATTACKS BBC AS 'VOICE OF COLONIALISM'

LD091220 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0450 GMT 9 Jul 81

[Unattributed commentary entitled "The Basic Lines of the Propaganda Conspiracy of the BBC Against the Islamic Republic of Iran," in "On the Sidelines of the News" program]

[Excerpts] In previous days we have tried, as far as time allowed, to discuss the true nature of the broadcasting organizations of world imperialism, especially the soul-destroying voice of decrepit imperialism, the BBC. In this program we will try to sum up what we said in previous programs on this topic.

BBC, the voice of world colonialism and the servant of imperialism, according to statistics and documents, instead of using its resources for production of news and reports for the British people, uses the greater part of its resources on foreign programs, in order to assist the colonialist policies of Britain and its allies in the world and in order to prevent the development of thoughts by millions of people throughout the world so that the deprived and oppressed people of the world can be further colonized.

Each year the BBC spends vast sums on its foreign broadcasts. The BBC has a long experience in the stupefaction of the masses and, ultimately, in confronting popular revolutions and defeating the movements of the masses and nipping those movements in the bud. In the same connection, BBC, the voice of colonialism and the servant of world imperialism, during the Islamic revolution of Iran and ever since the victory of the revolution, has directed all of its efforts toward confronting Islam and the Islamic revolution of Iran. A study of various events in Iran during the past 30 months and the role which the BBC's reports and commentaries and those of other imperialist radios have had in guiding various conspiracies against the Islamic Republic of Iran will prove our point.

In confronting the Islamic revolution of Iran and defeating pan-Islamic thought and exportation of the Islamic revolution to the remotest corners of the world, which poses the only potential threat to the East and the West, both of which have undertaken strategic cooperation in suppressing it and nipping it in the bud, the BBC has adopted a number of main lines of attack and has continued its war against Islam and the Islamic revolution along those lines.

One of these lines of attack, in order to prevent the success of the Islamic Republic of Iran and damage its innocent character, is that in the midst of its comments the BBC is trying to compare the Iran of today with prosperous countries of the region to present the regime of the Islamic Republic of Iran as one against comfort, well-being and affluence. Through such comparisons the BBC intends both to give a word of warning to the people of the region that the Islamic revolution will have nothing but difficulty for them, as to create pessimism among the Iranian people and turn them against the system. The BBC has tried to cast aspersions on the "Neither East nor West" policy of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the various dimensions of which have not been revealed due to the lack of a committed and believing minister of foreign affairs, and to portray it as the reason for the so-called political isolation of Iran in the world.

These days, through its evil suggestions, the BBC, this voice of world imperialism, has tried to make the people believe that the imam of the nation, the leader of the revolution and the only force which can turn the dream of an Islamic government in the world into reality and which can put an end to the many centuries of decline and misery of Muslims, has been isolated and that the period of inactivity by the Islamic Republic and the people's lack of faith in it has arrived. The BBC, the voice of decrepit colonialism and the servant of imperialism, while ignoring the flames of wrath of the deprived members of British society as well as the Irish strugglers who sooner or later will cause the shaky pillars of this world devourer's political life to crumble, speaks of the disintegration and division of Iran, which is the vile goal of colonialists seeking to continue their domination over it.

The BBC, this loudspeaker of the aggressive Saddam's aspirations, has made use of every propaganda technique in reporting the war imposed upon Iran by Iraq in order to weaken the morale of our heroic fighters; because the defeat of Iran in this imposed war would be Britain's victory. Therefore, the BBC propaganda conspiracies have been aimed at weakening the morale of our people behind the lines and of our fighters at the fronts, so that this war might end in our defeat. However, everything, especially the faith of the people in Islam and the revolution, points to our victory in the near future.

History has shown that although the voices of tyranny and oppression might last for a while under the dome of Heaven, eventually, with the power of God and the determination of the deprived people, both those voices, as well as their masters, will be silenced.

TEHRAN COMMENTS ON CLOSURE OF REUTER, OTHERS

LD091550 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1130 GMT 9 Jul 81

[Unattributed commentary]

[Text] The imperialist REUTER news agency has been closed. This action followed a series of counterrevolutionary and colonialist acts by this Western broadcasting agency; thus, after the deportation of American reporters, the revolution has been forced to close another propaganda and news agency.

Following the closure of REUTER, the propaganda trumpets of the West began to blow and the broadcasting agencies of colonialism starting making noises, calling this action a move toward extending news censorship and of stepping up suppression and fear. Papers like the Washington POST, the DAILY TELEGRAPH and THE GUARDIAN and Western radios all attack the Iranian revolution without commenting on the real reasons for the deportation of these correspondents and the closure of the news agency. They do this in a biased and colonialist fashion, relating the move to internal events in Iran, calling it a sign of the extension of censorship, and declaring that following the recent executions in Iran the government fears reports on these executions.

To review this issue--we appraise the reasons for the closure of this agency only for the martyr-nurturing nation of Iran, and not the filthy, loud trumpets of colonialism, who do not deserve an answer.

In this connection, we will remind you of an important point: The main aim of world colonialism, especially the old British colonialism, is the ideological, physical and character assassination of Iran's revolution. They have done their utmost along these lines and we have repeatedly witnessed how the truth about Iran's revolution has been reported in a biased way and overtly distorted. We expected nothing else, for the United States and its agents, especially Britain, have concentrated all their efforts on depicting the Islamic revolution of Iran in the worst possible manner to the world, lest it be copied by the oppressed of the world. We have repeatedly witnessed how obvious and undeniable truths have been hidden and distorted, we have also witnessed the spread of lies and rumors and the creation of an adverse atmosphere by these agents of imperialist news.

Under such conditions, with the severance of relations between Iran and the United States, naturally American correspondents--all of whom were affiliated to a colonialist company or establishment--could not operate in Iran, for their aims were to falsely reflect the incidents and events of Iran's revolution. With the deportation of the group of U.S. correspondents, nearly all Western--and even American--press employed staff of other news agencies, thus continuing their subversive role. One of these broadcasting agencies was REUTER. Although it is a British news agency, it in fact provided food for propaganda for all the followers of colonialism in the West. It was a channel which worked for the British press, news and propaganda agencies, and also for the news companies and press affiliated to the United States and other European countries.

We repeatedly witnessed the American press printing exclusive interviews and report, while the papers apparently had no correspondents in Iran. This shows that colonialism is using internal agents who still have free propaganda and news agencies in Iran, and who are continuing their activities. It is also obvious that in these quotations, reports, interviews and news reports they said what they liked and fed them to the public, and were continuing their subversive activities against the Islamic revolution.

However, during the past few days, especially after the explosion at the headquarters of the Islamic Republican Party, other explosions and the execution of counterrevolutionary elements and members of minigroups, Iran became a center for hot news and, naturally, free reporters and new agencies operating in Iran sent the largest number of reports. However, as with every incident, the imperialists try to pursue their own goals and use those incidents as a means for attacking the revolution. We witnessed the greatest number of incitements, clear lies and unfair reportings in the Western press and foreign radios. THE GUARDIAN, published in Britain, is one of these dependent and mercenary organizations which is a tool of imperialism. This newspaper is fed by REUTER.

So that you may know the exact reason for the closure of the REUTER news agency, we refer to only one example out of scores of other improper reports by this news agency, so that you may understand the evil and colonialist aims of this news agency.

Soon after the martyrdom of the innocent Dr Beheshti and 72 friends of the imam, and the glorious and unprecedented funeral which the people staged in order to glorify the memory of the martyrs of the revolution and express their support for the Islamic revolution, THE GUARDIAN carried a report from REUTER and its reporter in Iran. The correspondent reported: I was among the crowds. Despite all the claims of government officials, the number of people taking part in these ceremonies numbered no more than a few tens of thousands. The people did not show the usual vigor and enthusiasm which they manifested in other demonstrations. The people did not support these demonstrations. The people did not seem very upset; they looked happy and did not respond to the slogans against Bani-Sadr. Many employees of the government departments were forced to take part in these demonstrations in order to make the demonstrations look more impressive.

That is only one example of the work of this news agency, which made such a hostile report about the presence of so many people which was in millions; all the mourning, chanting, fainting; that limitless crowd which had few precedents; all those slogans such as "Death to the enemy of theocratic rule," and so forth. The filthiest lie is that it announced that these people were composed of government employees who had been forced onto the streets. This is only one small example of the colonialist policies and imperialist practices of this news agency.

Despite all the futile attempts of imperialist circles, the Islamic revolution of Iran will continue its progressive course without fear of the evil propaganda of America and its colonialist agents.

On this path and in the destruction of the counterrevolutionaries and the criminal hypocrites, and in destroying the base of blasphemy which are dependent upon America, Iran will neither be frightened by Western news agencies nor will it be pleased by the praises and applause of the so-called human rights organizations, because they are all old (?strategems) of imperialism, and the revolutionary, Islamic nation of Iran has long since read its hands.

In brief, fear of the evil propaganda of colonialism and its hue and cry could never be the reason for closing REUTER; because neither REUTER nor its master, decrepit British imperialism, nor world-devouring American could create the slightest weakening in the determination of the Iranian nation. The reason for the closure of this colonialist news agency was its excessive and colonialist lying which changed its nature from a news agency to a center of conspiracy against the revolution. One cannot do otherwise to conspirators.

JOINT STAFF COMMUNIQUE 563 ON BATTLE SUCCESSES

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[Communique 563 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Our army has a reason for saying that when we die we will go to God. This is the morale that propels it forward; a morale with a bedrock of faith and conviction that if I am killed it will be tantamount to an achievement by me and then I will hasten to the continuity of divine mercy; this is the morale which has crowned us with victory and, praise be to God, our army has such a morale. This was a quotation from Imam Khomeyni.

The intrepid fighters of Iran, armed with the weapon of faith and the aspiration of martyrdom and with the succor of the Almighty, are daily achieving ever greater victories and are bringing under the occupation of the army of Islam the false redoubts of blasphemy one after another. The heart-warming message of the Imam of the Islamic nation in connection with the occupation of Nowsud and the backing given by the combatant, Muslim nation of Iran to the brave sons of the Islamic homeland have increased the fires of their inner longings to administer the final blows for the destruction of the enemies.

Taking the opportunity to express gratitude to the Imam and the Islamic nation the combatants of Islam do hereby promise to fight with all our might in order to expel the aggressors from the Islamic homeland and to cleanse the sacred soil of Iran from the odium of the presence of these criminals forever.

Continuing yesterday's successful operations culminating in the occupation of Nowsud, our mighty combatants today, too, mine clearing and mopping up are now in full control of the fortifications and positions in this border town, have captured a large amount of booty and equipment from Saddam's aggressive army and are following up their missions with all their might.

In other regions in the western parts of the country the battle against Saddam's forces continues to rage. By opening artillery fire on enemy positions north of the Sham Shahr and Qeshm heights, the defenders of the Islamic revolution succeeded in destroying two ammunition-carrying vehicles and one ammunition dump and damaged one ammunition-carrying vehicle. During these operations, two enemy vehicles crashed to their doom in a ravine. Thanks to pinpoint artillery fire by the Ground Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran eight foxholes east of Panjwin were destroyed and a number of aggressor servicemen were either killed or wounded; and in the (Zarbatiyah) and Mehran regions, by opening fire on a number of Saddam's vehicles and equipment, losses were inflicted on the enemy. In Meymak, too, a fierce exchange of fire is continuing. During the past 24 hours, enemy aircraft were spotted several times over Sanandaj and Gilan-e Gharb, but thanks to our antiaircraft fire they were forced to flee.

By opening fire on enemy positions west of Dezful, our artillery units succeeded in silencing the aggressors' tank and artillery fire and in putting an end to their activities. In the course of these operations one Iraqi ammunition dump was set ablaze. During other operations on the same front one enemy tank, one heavy machinegun, three trenches and one ammunition dump were destroyed and another two tanks were damaged. More than 100 aggressor Iraqi servicemen were either killed or wounded.

On the Abadan-Khuninshahr front an exchange of fire continued between our forces and those of the enemy and thanks to our firepower superiority 1 enemy assembly building, 4 ammunition dumps, 4 observation trenches, 12 trenches and foxholes and 5 vehicles were destroyed. On the Mahshahr-Darkhovin-Abadan front, fire was opened on the enemy's supply highway, tank and mortar positions and the trenches of the Iraqi Army troops and, as a result four of their trenches and two of their mortars were destroyed. In the Ahvaz region, patrols of the Ground Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran set ablaze and destroyed 2 enemy loaders and 3 trenches and annihilated 35 Iraqi troops.

Yesterday and today, the residential parts of Abadan and Ahvaz came under heavy-weapon fire from Saddam's aggressive army. As a result of these cowardly operations casualties and losses were inflicted on the populations of the said cities.

On 7 July 1981, 11 of the combatants of the Ground Forces and three of the combatants of the Gendarmerie of the Islamic Republic of Iran achieved the lofty honor of martyrdom. Oh God Almighty: Be gracious and receive these chaste, self-sacrificing followers of Muhammad. May benedictions and peace be upon them and their scions.

GUARDS REPORT ON FIGHTING ON VARIOUS FRONTS

8 Jul Statement

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[8 July statement by the Public Relations Office of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps]

[Summary] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. This morning the self-sacrificing combatants of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic and other warriors of Islam began their brave operations to recapture strategic heights and positions in the Nowsud region. Their heroic operations are continuing with great success. A full report on operations in this region will be brought to your attention in our next statement.

In the region of Marivan, combatants of Islam opened heavy artillery fire, destroying three vehicles carrying ammunition and one ammunition dump of the forces of blasphemy on the Shushami heights.

Accurate firing by the forces of Islam destroyed three ammunition-carrying vehicles of the enemy in the Bubian region of Iraq. Three ammunition depots of the Iraqi aggressors were also set on fire. During these operations, five enemy trenches were totally destroyed.

In the (?Kania Mangah) region, inside Iraqi territory, the corps of Islam destroyed one enemy jeep and killed six mercenaries. During these operations one medium-weight weapon of the enemy was damaged.

Accurate artillery fire by our brothers in the armed forces killed 8 personnel of the forces of blasphemy in the Panjwin region of Iraq and wounded 14.

Yesterday, the Muslim Kurdish peshmerga and self-sacrificing combatants of the guards corps mopped up the villages of (Bidloreh) and Bazrakeh in the region of Marivan, and as a result a group of bandits and mercenaries were arrested by the combatants of Islam.

In the past few days, 14 misled members of the illegal grouplets presented themselves with their weapons to brother guards stationed in Marivan. In the Abadan region, the guards' mortar fire set fire to one ammunition dump of the invading enemy, and on 5 July one enemy assembly point on the Fayyaziye front was destroyed together with the forces deployed in it. During these operations, two trenches of the Iraqi enemy were also destroyed. The same day, the combatants of Islam set fire to one fuel tank of the Ba'thist invaders on the banks of the Arvand Rud and completely destroyed it.

[Signed] The Public Relations Office of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps

9 Jul Statement

LD091820 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 9 Jul 81

[9 July statement by the Public Relations Office of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Here is a report on the recent operations on the battlefield between truth and falsehood:

Following yesterday's operations by the devotees of Islam, Nowsud's eastern areas, consisting of the Nowsud post and tower and some other strategic heights, were captured by the combatants of Islam. Other parts of the city have been cleansed of the aggressive Ba'thist forces and the enemy's remaining forces are retreating to Iraqi territory. During the recapture of this city one of the devotees of the guards corps received the lofty honor of martyrdom.

A. The western fronts: One column of vehicles of Saddam's army, consisting of a number of tanks and vehicles, which were moving toward the southwest of the (Hargeh) area, inside Iraqi territory, were hit by the artillery fire of the combatants of Islam. As a result, a number of tanks were damaged and the rest of the column escaped.

Yesterday a column of vehicles moving from the Sayyid Sadiq area toward Panuwin, inside Iraqi territory, were brought under the heavy artillery fire of the combatants of Islam and as a result four Ba'thist enemy vehicles were totally destroyed.

Moreover, the (Kukhlan) area in Iraq came under the fire of the heroes of Islam, based in Marivan. As a result one command vehicle and four slit trenches of the forces of blasphemy were destroyed and one tank and two personnel carriers of the Ba'thist aggressors were damaged. One enemy ammunition dump in the Bani Banuk area came under the mortar fire of the Islamic revolution guards and was set on fire. The smoke rising from the explosion could be seen for hours.

B. The southern front: In the occupied zone of Khuninshahr, the Mehriz front, the mortar fire of the guards corps destroyed one 75-mm heavy machinegun trench together with its crew. Artillery fire of the brothers from ground forces of the Islamic Republic, under the observation of the corps brothers, totally destroyed one communication center, one assembly point of the forces of blasphemy and two slit trenches of the enemy in the occupied zone.

At the Station No 7 and Station No 12 fronts in Abadan, two devotees of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, sacrificing their clean blood, rushed to meet their God. May their souls rest in peace and may their paths be followed by many.

[Signed] The Public Relations Office of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps

NVOI SLORES FEAR OF RELATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION

LF092006 [Editorial Report] The clandestine National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran at 1730 GMT on 9 July 1981 carried a commentary entitled "Dependence Is One Thing, Healthy Cooperation Another." It said that railroading liberals and U.S. Maoists and some of the authorities in the Islamic Republic of Iran either deliberately or due to mistakes have announced a series of opinions concerning independence that seems to indicate that independence and nondependence are not possible. For example, they say establishing relations with other countries and trading with them indicates dependence. According to them, as long as a country is not completely self-sufficient it cannot be independent. They even say that all nations are dependent on one another. The need countries have for one another is cited as the reason for such a claim.

They claim that strong nations force weaker nations to depend on them. They explain their main argument saying that the United States and the Soviet Union--since they are the strongest nations in the world--have made other countries dependent upon them. They conclude that taking a position against the two nations--or to put it more accurately, taking a position against the Soviet Union--is the duty of everyone, including the government. All these opinions are only to prepare the people of our nation for dependence upon U.S. imperialism. The question comes to mind that if the road to independence is closed to everyone, why struggle for independence? The answer of the true forces of the revolution to such arguments is that every nation can ensure its independence through struggle.

To establish relations with other nations for various matters is a necessary thing, and such a relationship is not dependent if it is based on mutual respect for each other's territorial integrity and is mutually beneficial. The designers of such empty opinions--especially the railroading liberals and U.S. Maoists and such people as Bani-Sadr, Bazargan Yazdi and the like--have resorted to extensive use of the slogan "Neither East nor West." We know that this is a political slogan and that establishing fair relations with other countries is approved by all the true forces of the revolution. The railroading liberals and U.S. Maoists use the slogan to prevent relations with socialist countries.

VOICE OF IRAN CITES BAKHTIAR LE FIGARO INTERVIEW

NC091136 (Clandestine) Voice of Iran in Persian 1805 GMT 8 Jul 81

[Text] A Voice of Iran correspondent reports from Paris that Iran's legal prime minister, Mr Shapur Bakhtiar, was interviewed by the reputable newspaper LE FIGARO. Mr Bakhtiar told the LE FIGARO correspondent: I have never been so optimistic about Iran's situation, because the internal resistance against the Islamic Republican regime is intensifying daily and is becoming more organized. Now even those who had been fooled because of their simple-mindedness by the Islamic revolution and expected positive results see for themselves that the only outcome of this revolution has been nightmares and death.

Mr Shapur Bakhtiar said further: The murder of our compatriots during this period is unbelievable. Officially they say they have killed 2,000 people, but this figure does not include either the dispersed killings in the various parts of the country or the murders by the revolution guards. With his remarks, Khomeyni has given all his mercenaries license to kill.

Mr Bakhtiar then referred to the dire economic situation, the increase in unemployment and the closure of the universities, and he spoke about Iranians who have fled their homeland for fear of this bloody regime and are wandering abroad. Mr Bakhtiar said: Most of those who have left the country include Iran's intellectuals and educated people. For example, in Germany alone there are 2,000 Iranian doctors.

The LE FIGARO correspondent asked Mr Bakhtiar: Do you think that Bani-Sadr can gather a group around him to oppose the regime? Mr Bakhtiar replied: No, Bani-Sadr's fanaticism is no less than that of Khomeyni. He has had a hand in all the crimes committed by the Islamic Republic and his hands are stained with the blood shed in our country. Those who shout "Long live Bani-Sadr" in the streets are not doing so in support of him, but because they do not dare say "Death to Khomeyni." Therefore, they use Bani-Sadr as a pretext to express their dissatisfaction with the regime.

The LE FIGARO correspondent also asked: What position has the Iranian Communist Party adopted? Mr Bakhtiar replied: There is no need to ask. The Iranian Tudeh Party with all [words indistinct] has placed all its strength unconditionally at the disposal of the Islamic Republic and defends Khomeyni. This is to Moscow's benefit, and everyone knows that this party receives its orders from the Kremlin.

The correspondent asked: What is your opinion on the recent bombing of the Islamic Republican Party headquarters? Mr Bakhtiar answered: It is very simple. The people can no longer tolerate the mullahs and since they do not have any means or the least bit of freedom to express their views, they are compelled to reply to crimes with harshness. In addition, I should add that, technically speaking, the Sunday bombing was carried out extremely precisely and well.

In regard to his activities, Mr Bakhtiar told the LE FIGARO correspondent that he has a transmitter on Iran's borders that has been broadcasting for some time now and that he sends many of his messages on tapes and so on to Iran. On this, he said that the regime's leaders have said that the punishment for those who possess these recordings is execution.

The LE FIGARO correspondent then asked: What are your relations with the young shah of Iran? To which Mr Shapur Bakhtiar replied: Our relations are very good. I have always been a supporter of the constitution and believe that the shah of the country should reign, but not rule.

Mr Bakhtiar then pointed out that in the near future he will form a provisional committee that will be tantamount to a cabinet-in-exile and that this committee will be set up in a country that has no type of political or diplomatic relations with the Islamic Republic.

Ending his interview, Mr Bakhtiar told the LE FIGARO correspondent confidently: The Iranian nation's victory is not far away.

LE FIGARO added that the French Government has taken fresh security measures to protect Mr Bakhtiar's life.